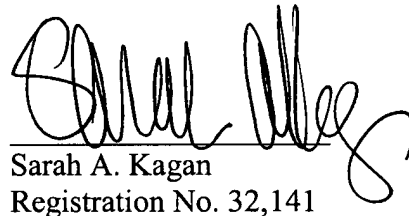


### Remarks

The amendments remove certain subject matter from claim 1 and insert that subject matter in claim 67. The references to the genes being interrogated in the recited method, however, are changed in format. Claim 1 referred to each gene using a "gene description" as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Claim 67 refers to each gene using an "accession number" as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Nonetheless, each description refers to the same gene as originally disclosed upon filing of the original application for patent. Thus the amendment does not add new matter nor does it change the scope of the claims as originally filed.

Enclosed for the convenience of the examiner is a print out from the NCBI database which demonstrates that each of the accession numbers recited in claim 67 and shown in Figures 1 and 2 refers to a human gene.

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NCBI Database Printout (19 sheets)